

Amendments to the Claims

1-18. (cancelled)

19. (new) A corner protector having opposite frame-embracing faces, at least one of said opposite frame-embracing faces being resilient and bowed towards the other face so, in use, the corner region of the picture frame must force its way into position between said opposite faces of the protector and thereafter be frictionally gripped between them until the protector is subsequently released by pulling it off against the frictional resistance.

20. (new) A corner protector according to claim 19, wherein one at least of the frame-gripping opposite surfaces of the protector is at least partially transparent.

21. (new) A corner protector according to claim 20 used in combination with a card or paper sleeve, for carrying one of identifying and advertising material on at least one of said faces and fitting, in use, inside the protector so that the transparent portion of the protector enables one of the identifying and advertising message on the sleeve to be viewed.

22. (new) A corner protector in accordance with claim 19, wherein one at least of said frame-gripping opposite surfaces of the protector is selected to be one of the group comprising: ribbed, dimpled, inherently corrugated and just roughened, whereby its frictional grip in use is enhanced.

23. (new) A corner protector according to claim 22 combined with a frame whose own surface, at a corner region is selected to be one of the group comprising: grooved, indented and otherwise so treated that, as the protector is pushed onto the frame corner region in use, the ribs, dimples and the like of the protector surface will one of slide and snap into the grooves, indentations etc of the frame surface.

24. (new) A corner protector according to claim 23, wherein the grooves, dimples etc are formed in the edge surface of the frame.

25. (new) A corner protector according to claim 19, wherein at least one of the opposite faces is concavely bowed.

26. (new) A corner protector according to claim 19, wherein the corner protector further includes at least one outward projecting portion which may be used by an operator in removing or placing the corner protector on a frame's corner.